

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

IAN HUNTER LUCAS, Pro Se

Plaintiff(s),

v.

MARY ANN JESSEE et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 3:24-cv-00440

Judge Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr  
Magistrate Judge Jeffery S. Frensley

**MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL AND FOR IN CAMERA REVIEW**

The Plaintiff, Ian Hunter Lucas, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves this Court for permission to file a motion under seal and requests an in-camera review of specific documents. This motion is grounded in the provisions of the relevant rules of the 6th Circuit.

***Legal Basis for Motion to Seal:***

*1. Strong Presumption of Openness:* - The Plaintiff acknowledges the strong presumption in favor of openness concerning court records. To overcome this presumption, the Plaintiff must provide compelling reasons for non-disclosure. This includes offering an adequate and specific explanation for why the brief should be sealed and detailing the specific harm that will occur if the brief is not sealed.

*2. Compelling Reasons for Sealing:* - In accordance with 6th Circuit Rule 28(d), the Plaintiff will ensure that the motion to seal is narrowly tailored to serve the compelling reasons for sealing. This aligns with precedents such as United States v. Turner, 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 8146, and United States v. Woods, 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 14850.

***Request for In Camera Review:***

*1. Evidence to Support in Camera Review:* - The Plaintiff understands that the 6th Circuit encourages the use of in camera reviews sparingly. To justify this request, the Plaintiff will present evidence sufficient to support a reasonable belief that such a review might yield evidence establishing the exception's applicability.


*2. Avoiding Unsubstantiated Allegations:* - The Plaintiff will avoid making unsubstantiated allegations of a criminal purpose, as these are insufficient to warrant an in-camera review of documents withheld on a claim of attorney-client privilege.

*3. Description and Justification:* - The Plaintiff will describe the materials for which in camera treatment is sought, provide reasons for granting such status, specify the time for which in camera treatment is sought for each document, and attach as exhibits the specific documents for which in camera treatment is sought.

*Conclusion:* The Plaintiff is fully aware of the legal standards required for filing a motion to seal and requesting an in-camera review within the jurisdiction of the 6th Circuit. The Plaintiff will provide compelling reasons and specific explanations justifying the sealing of the brief and the request for in camera review, along with evidence supporting a reasonable belief that such a review might yield evidence establishing the exception's applicability.

Signed and dated this 26th day of May 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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